

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

People has a different characteristic, there are people who are patient, friendly, and even angry and vindictive. People can be vindictive from many problem. Vindictive is the desire to do something with someone who has a wrong. People can be hold to do a vindictive is giving a forgive. Forgiveness is a difficult attitude to the people around us. It takes courage to do something forgiveness. It does not mean the patient is easy to forgive. Sometimes people are more prone to irritability to forgive others. Because forgiveness is a loose attitude of revenge.

Forgiveness is a virtue that comes from all the goodness and aims to goodness, goodness will end well. To forgive does not mean you're weak, but because you are strong and mature enough to understand that everyone can make a mistake. To forgive the person who hurt you is the supreme compassion to yourself. Forgiveness is one way to get peace of mind. Forgiving nature triggers the creation of a good state of mind as hope, patience and self-confidence by reducing anger, suffering, weak morale and stress.

In the world of lierature, there are many researcher who apply several issues in literature. Literature is a speech act or textual event that elicits certain kinds of attention. Klarer (1999: 40) states that literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written

document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word. Actually, the shape of literature can be look as a novel.

A novel is a fictional piece of prose that is typically written in a narrative style and presented as a bound book. Novels tell stories, which are usually defined as a series of events described in a sequence. The novel has been a part of human culture for over a thousand years, although its origins are somewhat debated. Regardless of how it began, the novel has risen to prominence and remained one of the most popular and treasured examples of human culture and writing. Its form and presentation tends to change with the times, but it remains an essential part of the literary cultures of nearly all societies around the world.

In this study the researcher tries to analyze the conflicts which happened to the characters in each of scene of this novel. With the result that, the researcher tries to research *A Man Named Dave* novel. *A Man Named Dave* novel is a story of triumph and forgiveness to his mother. Hopefully, from this study both of the reader and the audience get knowledge about the conflicts in the story, the role of mother and children. And the most important that is the researcher and the audience are knowing the shape of power of forgiveness.

A Man Named Dave is a 1999 American novel with experimental elements written by Dave Pelzer. This book continued of two previous books are *A Child Called it* and *The Lost Boy*. The novel told a true story about the author. The novel chronicles about forgiving someone. The main characters in this novel is trying to forgive his mother. He needs a power of forgiveness. *A Man Named Dave* is a true story about Dave's family. Dave was experienced

of child abuse in his family. Her mother was a torture Dave. But Dave did not give up to continue his life. He was tried to survive from torture of his mother. Dave believed that he can free from his mother.

Dave Pelzer's incredible and inspiring life story has already captured the interest of more than one million readers. *A Man Named Dave* is the long-awaited conclusion to his trilogy in which he describes how he triumphed over years of physical and emotion abuse from his parents to become a self-accepting and confident adult readers of Pelzer's previous two bestsellers await this book, the first of Pelzer's books to be available in hardcover to learn how he finally confronts his pathologically abusive mother and his neglectful, alcoholic father in an effort to turn a childhood marked by rejection and emotional abuse into an adulthood filled with love and acceptance.

A Man Named Dave was written by Dave James Pelzer. He was born in California on December 29, 1960. The family situation he was born into, however, was not even close to perfect. His father died early in his life and his mother abused him to such a degree that his case became the worst case of child abuse in the history of California. Despite attending public schools, his teacher never contacted the police regarding possible abuse until he was 12 years old.

Dave James Pelzer was suffered extreme abuse from the hands of his own mother for at least 8 years if not more. Once the police were notified Pelzer was removed from his home and then sent to live in foster homes until

the age of 18. During this time period Dave was able to overcome some of his mental anguish and fear and he became determined to educate the world.

The study of *A Man Named Dave* is very interesting for students, especially for literary students. There are reasons of the researcher take this novel to be analyzed that is:

First, *A Man Named Dave* is a true story of the novel. When the students study this novel, they will know what happens with the author. That is the story that happens to Dave with his personality. The character of Dave has the reserved personality. In this novel, the audience can see the bad behavior of Dave's mother. The content of this novel are about triumph and forgiveness.

The second reason is the theme of the novel. After reading this novel, we can conclude that *A Man Named Dave* has an interesting theme. The main message that the researcher wants to deliver to the audience is that sadism may be hidden behind innocent appearance. Many dialog in this novel presenting many shocking secret from the side of Dave's mother personality. This novel can give a horror sensation because of brutal action which done by Dave's mother on her child.

Thirdly, in the future time the researcher will be an English teacher. As a teacher the researcher should be a good and smart teacher. As a professional teacher the researcher wants to teach the student to be a good person in the future. This novel can be to help them within express the forgiveness sense to others. In addition, this novel teaches the student about moral aspect, thus the student will be motivated to be a good person to forgive to others.

Finally, the last reason is the researcher takes this study due to supply the theoretical framework in the research of literature in English Department as a fulfillment to graduate from Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta. Hopefully, this research supports the other student in depth literature research especially for *A Man Named Dave* novel.

Psychoanalytic theory and practice originated in the late nineteenth century in the work of Sigmund Freud (1856-1939). Psychoanalysis has travelled widely from its central European origins, and has evolved into a complex, multi-faceted and internally fractured body of knowledge situated at the interface between the human and natural sciences, and between clinical practice and academic theory.

Based on the reasons mentioned above, the researcher tries to focus on the study based on Freud psychoanalytic approach. The title of the study will be ***“POWER OF FORGIVENESS IN DAVE PELZER’S A MAN NAMED DAVE (1999): A PSYCHOANALYTIC CRITICISM”***.

B. Previous Studies

As long as the writer knows there is no study on *A Man Named Dave* novel that has conducted before due to relatively new publication. Based on researcher’s observation, at least in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, researcher found that no one has conducted a research on this novel. Thus, this study is first ever conducted at least in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta.

C. Problem Statement

The problem statement of the study is how the shape of power of forgiveness is reflected in Dave Pelzer's *A Man Named Dave* (1999).

D. Limitation of the Study

The limitation of the study is the power of forgiveness that employed in Dave Pelzer's *A Man Named Dave*. This study uses a psychoanalytic Criticism.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are the following :

1. To analyze power of forgiveness in Dave Pelzer's *A Man Named Dave* (1999) based on its structural elements.
2. To analyze power of forgiveness in Dave Pelzer's *A Man Named Dave* (1999) based on psychoanalytic criticism.

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefit expected from this is as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This study is projected to give novel contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge, particularly in the literary studies.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich the knowledge and experience of the reseacher and other students at UMS or the other universities interested in literary studies.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this study, the researcher takes qualitative research. The data sources are library, internet and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using psychoanalytic approach. The steps to conduct the research are as follows: 1). Determining the type of the study, 2). Determining the object of the study, 3). Determining data and data source, 4). Determining technique of data collection, and finally 5). Determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is *A Man Named Dave* Novel by Dave Pelzer and was produced in 1999 by California.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source:

There are two types of data, namely primary and secondary data, as follows:

- a. Primary Data: the primary data source is the novel of *A Man Named Dave* produced by California.
- b. Secondary Data: The secondary data sources are books or any information related to the analysis.

4. Technique of the Collection Data

The techniques of data collection are as follows:

- a. Reading the novel.
- b. Taking note of important parts both primary and secondary data.

- c. Arranging the data into several groups according its theoretical category.
- d. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis.
- e. Taking conclusion and formulated its pedagogical suggestion.

5. Technique of the Analysis Data

In analyzing the data, the reseacher applies a descriptive approach. The step taken by the reseacher in analyzing the data are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on the structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second steps are analyzing the data based on psychoanalytic perspective.

H. Research Paper Organization

This research paper is divided into five chapters. The first chapter is introduction, which consists of the background of the study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefits of the study, research method and paper organization. The second chapter deals with review of underlying theory involving the theory of psychoanalytic, and theory of forgiveness that will use to analyze the data. Third chapter is a structural analysis. In this chapter, the reseacher explains the structural elements of the novel. Fourth chapter is a psychoanalytic approach. And the last chapter is conclusion, educational implication and suggestion.